

Minutes Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board December 5, 2013

Minutes of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board recorded as of 4:05 p.m. on September 5, 2013, within the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ.

(MEMBERS) Present:

City Staff Present:

Shirley McKean

Dr. Amy Douglass, Manager, Tempe History Museum

Mark Hubble Mary O'Grady Jennifer Wagner

Guest(s) Present:

Nikki Gusz James Schoenwetter Anne Chandler, Tempe Historical Society Board member

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Robert McKinley

Meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. Shirley McKean, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1: Consideration of the September 5, Meeting Minutes

- Shirley McKean, Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board (Museum Board) Chair, presented the September 5, 2013 Museum Board meeting minutes to the Museum Board members for review and consideration.
- MOTION: Jennifer Wagner moved to approve the September 5, 2013

 Museum Board meeting minutes.

SECOND: Mark Hubble seconded.

DECISION: September 5, 2013 Museum Board meeting minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 2: Communications Report

- Dr. Douglass told the board members that the Museum would be participating in the Family Fun Factory event on Friday, December 6 in partnership with the Vihel Center and the library. A musical performance by Mariachi Pasión, an all-female mariachi band, would take place in the Community Room starting at 7:00 pm.
- Dr. Douglass announced that this would be the last Museum Board meeting for Mark Hubble. She wished him well and thanked him for his service.

Agenda Item 3: National Accreditation

- Dr. Douglass gave an update on one of the two remaining documents that are required by the American Alliance for Museums (AAM) for accredited institutions.
 - Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan: the committee continues to meet on a monthly basis.
 - They have continued gathering information for the plan and filling in the online template. Dr. Douglass estimated that the plan will be completed in the next two months.

Agenda Item 4: African American History Booklet

- Dr. Douglass stated that a discussion panel was held in the Community Room on September 5 at 7:00 pm as part of the debut of the booklet entitled *The African American Experience in Tempe* authored by Jared Smith.
- The panel members spoke of their own experiences going to school, buying homes and living in Tempe as well as growing up in Phoenix. Their frank discussions were an eye-opener for many members of the audience. Councilman Corey Woods acted as moderator for the event. Approximately 50 people attended the panel discussion.

Agenda Item 5A: Public Programs Representative

- Shirley McKean, representative of the Public Programs Committee reported that the new exhibit entitled *Made in Tempe* opened on November 8. The exhibit features items that were manufactured in Tempe historically and currently. An excellent Tempe band called Bears of Manitou performed at the event.
- On Saturday, November 23rd, the Tempe History Museum and Classical Revolution Phoenix presented its second *Music on the Menu*, a "foodraiser" for Tempe's homeless. There was a classical music concert, canned food drive and bake sale. The bake sale generated \$435 for Tempe Community Council and Urban Outreach.
- On November 21st the *Third Thursday* presentation was about mega sports events at Tempe Beach Park, such as Iron Man, PF Chang's Rock and Roll Marathon and Pat's Run. The next *Third Thursday* talk will be January 16th and the topic will be baseball at the World War II Japanese Internment Camps.

Agenda Item 5B: Report - Policy, Procedures and Accessions

- Jennifer Wagner, representative on the Policy, Procedures and Accessions Committee (P, P & A) stated that there are currently 15 provisional deposits awaiting a vote.
- New provisional deposits include Steve Larson's first guitar and a stool from the Sun Club donated by Dave Vitagiliano.
- New acquisitions include a collection of photographs of Fenn Hart, Tempe's first mayor, a cartoon map of Tempe businesses, a menu from Harmon's restaurant, a letter from then Congressman Harry Mitchell, local football programs, a Hayden Flour Mill sac and Tempe Park Ranger uniforms.
- There are no new loans.

Agenda Item 5C: Report - Tempe Historic Preservation Commission

Mary O'Grady stated that the bulk of the discussion at the November Historic
Preservation Commission meeting was about the issue of identifying properties in
Tempe as historically eligible. There has been opposition from some property owners in

the past to this designation but the commission decided that it is their responsibility under the Tempe Historic Preservation Ordinance to so designate properties and they plan on continuing with this process.

Agenda Item 5D: Report - Tempe Historical Society

- Anne Chandler, representative to the Tempe Historical Society Board (Society Board), announced that the Society's Tree of Lights reception would take place on Sunday, December 8 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Corporate donors of the event are Walmart, Honeymoon Sweets, Paradise Bakery and Starbuck's.
- The Society Board has a vacancy for a Membership Chair and a webmaster. Any volunteers or suggestions for qualified candidates are welcome.
- The Society Board will be holding a retreat to identify a major project and devise a five year plan to complete that project. The retreat will be on Monday, January 13 from 5:30 to 9:30 at Shalimar Country Club.

Agenda Item 5E: Report - Oral History Program

- There was no report.
- The next meeting of the committee will be on December 6, 2013 at 10:00 am.

Agenda Item 8 - Board Member Announcements

• Nikki Gusz complemented the museum staff on the *Made in Tempe* opening as well as the kick-off of the strategic planning process.

Agenda Item 9 - Future Agenda Items

• The Chair and Vice Chair positions will be voted on in January.

The next meeting of the Tempe Historical Museum Advisory Board is scheduled to take place at 4 p.m. on January 9, 2014 in the Tempe History Museum Board Room, 809 E. Southern Avenue, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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